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### 1. MILITARY SITUATION:

INCIDENTS FELL TO 14 INCLUDING 12 ATTACKS BY FIRE ( ABF), ONE  
GROUND ATTACK AND ONE MISCELLANEOUS. THE GROUND ATTACK AND 11  
OF THE ABFS ( INCLUDING 41 ARTILLERY AND 792 MORTAR ROUNDS)  
OCCURRED IN THE FIRST DIVISION AO IN THE ARC TO THE WEST OF HUE.  
SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS WAS QUIET. CASUALTIES CORPS- WIDE WERE:  
FRIENDLY 9 KIA (8 IN FIRST DIVISION), 28 WIA (14 FIRST DIVISION);  
ENEMY 24 KIA, 5" RETURNEES." FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN 14  
DAYS, VNAF FLEW 14 TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF A  
FIRST DIVISION RECON ELEMENT IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY FORCES.

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FRIENDLY ARTILLERY FIRED A TOTAL OF 1,238 ROUNDS; 556 NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS ( ALL BY THE FIRST DIVISION), 682 SOUTH.

2. ICCS ACTIVITIES:

THE ICCS REGION I INVESTIGATION TEAM REGARDING THE HELICOPTER LOST AT LAO BAO HAS DEPARTED FOR GIO LINH, ETA 1130 HOURS 10 APRIL.

3. GVN MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

HEADQUARTERS AND SECOND BATTALION, 51 ST REGIMENT, ARE SCHEDULED TO DEPLOY TO PHU BAI TODAY TO CONSTITUTE A PART OF THE CORPS RESERVE NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS.

4. COMMUNIST MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

ACCORDING TO THE QUANG NGAI PROVINCE CHIEF, A RECENT HOI CHANH IN BINH DINH PROVINCE, A JUNIOR OFFICER OF THE 2 ND NVA DIVISION, HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ARVN II CORPS HEAD-QUARTERS. THE 2 ND NVA DIVISION HAS MADE PLANS FOR A TWO-PHASED OFFENSIVE IN SOUTHERN MR I AND NORTHERN BINH DINH TO BEGIN IN LATE MARCH AND CONTINUE INTO THE SUMMER. THE OBJECTIVE OF THE FIRST PHASE, DESIGNATED THE " HO CHI MINH" CAMPAIGN, IS THE RECAPTURE OF SA HUYNH AND ADJOINING HOAI NHON DISTRICT IN BINH DINH. ACCORDING TO THE HOI CHANH, ELEMENTS OF THE 2 ND NVA DIVISION WITH REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE 3 RD NVA DIVISION WILL LAUNCH A MAJOR ATTACK ON SA HUYNH ON APPROXIMATELY MAY 17. THOMSEN  
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